
HOSPITALITY THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED

**THE GENTLEMEN OF THE COACHMEN'S CLUB THE
HOSTS—A COMPLIMENT THAT WAS WON BY THE
DRIVERS' COURTESY TO THE DRAGS.**

"So you're a reporter, are you?" asked the driver of a Fifth Avenue stage, to the box of which a SEN reporter had climbed. "And you're coming up to our supper, eh?"

"Well, it's kind of your generosity that makes it of us. To be sure we didn't make four. They were out waiting for their drink, but that was all right. I like to see where this kind of thing would have gone any other place. I don't want to get plenty of money, and I like to see the young fellows follow it themselves."

He was one of the oldest drivers on the line. He looked, though, more like a sailor than a cab-farmer, his wide tarpaun hat, and pond skelter giving him much the appearance of an old cranky sailor on leave. But when he spoke all illusions as to his calling vanished. Everything was

"That old boss of mine," said he, "was a real old-time character and there wasn't nothin' of him. You must have seen him, and, coo! him for an hour, but the deuce it takes would he move till he got good and ready to go. He'd say, 'Well, I'll be a damn sight better off, as much as to say, 'Go on, old man,' I kin stand it as fine as you kin,' then he would wait till you were ready to go, and then he'd hit as though he was sort of enjoying him, and he'd go up and down the street as cool as you please. And he was the dearest boss I ever had, and I was with him for years. But he never balked a cent in one place. All the rest of the route he done his share like a Georgian. You know, he was a Georgian, and he was a stick. You've been down in Wall street, n'g'n't

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ends with m and put him at his ease in a moment. Indeed, Mr. Kane and Mr. Bennett were so much at home that they forgot their anxiety to give the guests of the Club a hearty welcome, and they succeeded admirably. The conversation was so general that it was possible to wade around three sides of the room, and members and gentlemen whom they had introduced were in the head of the room, with the drivers ranged on either side.

Col. Jay delivered the address of welcome, and the club had been much gratified by the manner in which he had done so. He was followed by the Fifth Avenue stage drivers, and had decided that they could signify their gratification in no more successful way than by bringing out their supper.

A veteran driver, known on the line as "Black Boy," was the orator. What they had done he said, was done by the club, and he was glad to see that the club was so successful.

horsemen to do anything that was calculated to improve the breed of horses succeed.

The supper was excellently set. It abounded in solids rather than the usual entrees and knick-knacks which usually accompany public feasts, and the food was served with the best of cooking, and was evidently enjoyed by the eighty drivers who partook of it. The wines were Chateau, Sherry, Claret, and Champagne.

During the supper the best of the Jockey Club, and Mr. B. Hunt were drunk in bumpers. The drivers were still at the table when the supper was over, and the Jockey Club, Mr. B. Hunt remained there after the other sun rose, for there was a mammoth bowl of punch in waiting for them which seemed inexhaustible.

SOME WASHINGTON TOPICS.

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The National Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.
WASHINGTON, April 26.—The National Jockey Club, recently organized here, have arranged for a three days' funding meeting, to be held, May 16, 17 and 18, at the Washington Jockey Club, on the "Annapolis" Station. Arrangements have been made so that the Baltimore and Ohio, and Baltimore and Potomac Railroads will suspend their regular service on the 16th and 17th of May during the days of the meeting, extra excursion trains will run 10 to 15 miles, and from Baltimore to seaports.

The Weather Office Prediction.
Partly cloudy weather, with occasional rains.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

An incendiary fire destroyed the screw manufactory of A. J. Kennedy in Haverden, Conn., yesterday morning. The building, which was valued at \$100,000, was completely destroyed. The Emerson piano factory at Albany and Vermont streets, Boston, was damaged yesterday to the extent of \$250,000; partly insured.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Charles McLain, one of the "Marching Brigade," was acquitted of the charge of shooting Isaac Verziel, a fellow in the same regiment on March 19.

A fire in Yonkers destroyed a two-story frame house, occupied by Mrs. Annie E. Hasser, yesterday afternoon. The fire broke out from the roof to the rooms, but received slight injuries.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. McClellan found an unknown woman sitting in front of 13 The Apostol street. She said she had been to the station.

The police have generally agreed to charge a load for removing furniture, &c., to-morrow, which double the every day rates.

An unknown man, with his skull fractured, was tied to a chair in front of 42 Pearl street, and taken to the Chambers street hospital.

David Henry Haight, an old New York merchant, died yesterday. He built the old Nicholas Hotel and the insurance buildings at Broadway.

The German taxpayers and property owners in New York City have agreed to contribute the first 500,000 dollars to complete the improvements in the city.

Mrs. Nancy Sullivan of this city has obtained in the Court of Appeals a judgment of \$10,000 against the

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Mrs. Anna Maria Duntz died last August leaving an estate worth \$100,000, and her relatives except the widow and three sons appointed John P. Casey executor, and negotiated with her a cash sale of the regular house as executor. The probate of the will was disallowed, because Mr. Casey was not an heir. Surrogate Civi deced, that the executor was not qualified to hold the will, and